

## HAUGHLEY PARISH NOTES – APRIL 2008

8 councillors, the County Councillor and 67 villagers from Haughley and surrounding villages attended the Haughley Parish Council meeting held last Tuesday.

### COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Three councillors have resigned. An advertisement appears on all notice boards in the village with any enquiries to be directed in the first instance to Mid Suffolk District Council.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING QUERIES

**Waste bin in Bixby Avenue** – collection by MSDC has now been reinstated.

**Breakdown of Administration charges on the unaudited accounts for 2007/2008** - information has been circulated to all villagers present. For further copies apply to the Clerk.

**Street Lighting** – lights at the Village Hall and The Folly have been reported to Suffolk County Council but the problem remains with EON who have not yet undertaken the repairs. The Council is looking at the original lighting agreement to ascertain what “penalty” clauses exist for the work not being done within the agreed time restraints.

**Post Office** - No further information at present.

**Resolution of no confidence in the Parish Council & Clerk** – proposed by Mr Palmer. Out of a total number 1,447 villagers on the electoral roll and with only 75 people attending the meeting, it was noted there were 52 villagers in support of this resolution, 11 against and 12 abstentions.

**Parish Council ownership of land** – to be researched and discussed at the May meeting.

### REPORTS

**County Councillor** – Report from the Chairman of the Police Authority explained the 9% increase in the Police precept was due to past neglect of Estate & IT support systems. The appointment of the new Chief Executive was originally advertised on a salary range of £154k - £220k and the “norm” for the East of England was £200k. The Local Government Review – several alternatives discussed and it was decided that the County Council would adopt a stance of a single unitary authority for Suffolk - enhancing the powers of Parish Councils. The project “Energy from Waste” has been awarded £102m in PFI credits by DEFRA. It is one of four projects in England considered to be making a significant contribution to meeting the U.K.’s landfill targets.

### **Police Report - Crime Figures for 18/03/08 to 15/04/08**

There had been 7 crimes in the area for this period – as under:

Making off without payment – HAUGHLEY PARK SERVICES A14 offender filled x2 jerry cans with petrol and left the forecourt, enquiries ongoing.

Criminal damage – dwelling FRONT GROUND FLOOR WINDOW DUKE ST HAUGHLEY  
Believed item fired at window, there are no suspects and negative result from house 2 house enquiries.

Theft – from motor vehicle ST MARYS AVE passenger door lock was forced and a Sealy Compressor & Sealy Generator was stolen, enquiries ongoing.

Theft – from motor vehicle CASTLE DRIVE passenger side window smashed and a Hilty TE76 SDS Max drill, Hilty drill lead & a Husqvarna disc cutter was stolen from vehicle, enquiries ongoing.

Theft – from motor vehicle ST MARYS AVE passenger front window smashed and both doors damaged & a large leather handbag, mans leather wallet and a tom tom one sat nav system was stolen, again enquiries still ongoing.

Theft – from motor vehicle LADYFIELD, HAUGHLEY vehicle was parked o/s home address and was left insecure overnight, various garden, plant, power tools and sat nav were taken from vehicle, enquiries

ongoing.

Interference with motor vehicle EVE BALFOUR WAY no damage but door ajar in attempt to gain entry.

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#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you would like any information on Neighbourhood Watch, or would like to become a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, please contact Theresa Jones (the Community Watch Liaison Officer for Mid Suffolk), on 01473 383388.

**Allotments** – All have been let and a waiting list now exists for the plots at Haughley Green.

**Village Green** – At an extra-ordinary meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008, it was agreed that the Council accepted Palmers (Haughley) Ltd. claim as submitted. The Council to withdraw its objection on registration of easement as per HMLR's B13 dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Palmers (Haughley) Ltd to withdraw their objection to Haughley Parish Council's application to register its title to the remainder of Haughley village green as per drawing VG55. Each side to bear its own costs. The provision of a separate maintenance agreement to be discussed by councillors at the next parish council meeting. A new Working Party has also been agreed: - Cllrs J Bevan, N Weaver and one other yet to be confirmed.

#### PLANNING

The following applications were discussed and supported for approval:-

**1016/08 Mere Cottage, Green Road.** Erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage, Construction of new vehicular access and stopping up of existing.

**1391/07 Bridge Farm, H.New St.** Alterations to facilitate conversion of barn and outbuilding to a dwelling house.

**0650/08 Bridge Farm, H.New St.** Change of use of barn and outbuilding to dwelling using existing vehicular access. Provision of private treatment plant.

**1077/08 Land & buildings at Two Sisters Food Group, Access Rd. Haughley Park.** Erection of 14760m<sup>2</sup> of extension to existing factory to provide new production facilities & ancillary accommodation Ancillary parking and turning areas. Engineering ops inc. ground modelling works

**0751/08 Haughley Barn and Park Farmhouse, Access Road to Haughley Park.** Continued use of conference centre as conference centre and wedding venue. Change of use of dwelling to holiday let.

Temporary closure of part of the C406 Station Road, Haughley. 11.30p.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> April to 7.00 a.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

FINANCE 7 Cheques were passed for payment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Annual Parish Council meeting 20th May 2008.